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DEADLINE FOR THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ISSUE-----APRIL 1

DEAR MEMBERS,

NORCAL IV HAS COME AND GONE. WE DIDN'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY ON THIS SHOW; I HAVE LISTENED TO THE CONCERNS OF DEALERS AND FRIENDS AND HAVE ERECTED A TASK FORCE TO SCOPE OUT CHANGE OF VENUE. I WANT TO GIVE THE DEALERS WHO PAY DEARLY FOR THIS SHOW TO HAVE ALL THE AMMENITIES IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SHOW FOR THEMSELVES. ONE OF THESE AMMENITIES IS 8 FOOT TABLES AND SIXTEEN-FOOT CORNERS. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TRI-VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THEY HAVE WORKED WITH ME IN THE PAST AND ARE NOW SEEKING OUT A CONVENTION SIGHT IN EITHER PLEASANTON OR SAN RAMON VALLEY AREA. SINCE WE ARE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THIS SEARCH I HAVE REQUESTED ON SIGHT INTERVIEWS WITH HOTEL STAFFS BY 1 FEBRUARY 2002 AND HOPE TO NARROW THE SEARCH BY 1 MARCH 2002.

I WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE AMOUNT OF WORK PUT OUT BY MY STAFF FOR NORCAL IV RESULTING IN A BREAK EVEN POINT. ALSO WITH THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S NEW YORK CONVENTION SITTING ON OUR LAST WEEKEND IN JULY DATE, I AM SAD TO SAY THERE IS NO SHOW FOR 2002. WITH ALTERNATE DATES BEING REQUESTED I FOUND THAT NORCAL WAS GOING TO INTERFERE WITH THE SMALLER SHOWS. I DO NOT WANT TO MOVE INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S DATE JUST BECAUSE WE ARE A BIGGER ORGANIZATION. SOMETIMES I SEE SMALLER CLUBS JUMP ON A DATE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS CUSTOMARILY THE DATE FOR ANOTHER CLUB'S SHOW. PICK A WEEKEND OR A SUNDAY TO HAVE YOUR SHOW AND STICK WITH IT. DON'T INCONVENIENCE ANOTHER CLUB BECAUSE THEY ARE A LITTLE SLOW IN PICKING A DATE, GIVE THEM A COURTESY CALL AND SEE IF THEY ARE STILL GOING TO USE THE DATE BEFORE YOU BARGE IN AND TAKE OVER.

STAY TUNED TO THIS COLUMN FOR FUTURE NEWS ON NORCAL V PLANNED FOR JULY 25-27 2003.

NUMISMATICALLY

MIKE STANLEY

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

Greetings! It is taped on that universal bulletin board of contemporary America, the refrigerator door, and why my Mother, in her own wisdom, choose to tape that Kodak snapshot----*no different than millions taken daily by thousands at like functions*----may never be known. Maybe because I am in the center of it, wearing Levis----*a real man's long pants*----or because it is so typical of me: up, loud, demanding, at the center of attention, with plate and fork in-hand ready to eat. It was a snapshot taken at the December 1999 San Francisco Coin Club dinner. Nothing Special: me in long pants----*yeah, it was December in San Francisco!*----and eating. Nothing. Save for what was captured on film alone in the background.

Smiling, happy, wearing a Santa Claus hat, craving a twenty-four pound just-out-of-oven turkey, that he had prepared and cooked, plus having come down earlier on this cold December day to setup and decorate the Knights of Columbus Hall, where the San Francisco Coin Club gathers, was Hans Hansson. There he was, and he would stay late to cleanup, offer the carcass for soup, and even found time to collect the next year's dues and account the funds of the Club plus run the Quiz. Nothing Special: it was December 1999 and just another SFCC Holiday event. Nothing. Save a year later, December 2000, Hans was dead, and the Club has yet to have a turkey cooked.

Hans Hansson's death is not just another speck in the light of living and life. Hans cooking, and for some years even donating, the turkey has been repeated thousands of times at groups. Hans driving earlier on a cold December afternoon, to turn on the heater, and to place the tables and chairs is repeated many times, in many places, and for many people. So What Is So Special?

Hans Hansson is another in a long legion of those who have, who had, and who have been toiling at the grass-roots level of our hobby, *the local coin club*. Does anyone remember the Maxine Bryce's, the Jere Lefever's, the Ra Brown's, the McCann's, the Bill DuTemple's, the George Flannagan's, the Al Renn's and so on. This legion marches long into the sunset. Does Anyone Remember?

These, and so many countless others, are what **made and make** the grass-roots, *the local coin club*, so vital to our hobby. Least we forget the combined membership of *all* local coin clubs would exceed the American Numismatic Association, plus adding Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) and including the Florida United Numismatists (FUN)! Least we forget the initial and main contact for most *all* coin hobbyists is the local coin club, that little, small seed. Least we forget, there are local coin clubs *all* around this nation, large, in between, and only a few members.

It was for those, so many before, long at rest, and for so many now, and, hopefully, for so many in days yet to be that a national recognition----*a nationally sponsored honor*----is needed, *and needed now*. It was my motivation for and behind my much mangled 'Carmody-Lebo Citation'.

We honor so many, and rightly so. Krause Publications has its esteemed Numismatic Ambassador. The American Numismatic Association (ANA) has its copyrighted Achievement Awards, and the aforementioned two regional groups have their testimonies. But, what about the Bill DuTemple's who acted as the Property Custodian for the Delta Coin Club for over fifteen years, plus doing the setup each and every meeting? What about the McCann's who served every office in the now defunct Napa Valley Coin Club, plus sewed, donated, and cleaned the Club's bourse table clothes? What about these? Let me answer: **Nothing**.

Yes, they never attended a major national convention nor bid five figures in a Bowers and Merena Rarities Sale. Yes, they were only local, another town to drive through on the Interstate or fly-over to the ANA's national convention. Yes, they did only small things, and setting up chairs and tables on a cold raining night in the local Legion Post is only a small thing.

But, *and this a damn imperative 'but'*, they **made and make** the hobby where it matters most, where it begins,

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA NEWS and HAPPENINGS

Next Board of Directors Meeting

As this Issue is being printed, no date, site, nor time has been scheduled for the Association's Board of Directors to meet. Notices will be contacted to the Board of Directors, and a short meeting is anticipated on the Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, in Vallejo, California. Interested members may telephone President MIKE STANLEY at 925-825-0649 or e-mail him at xsteamernx@aol.com.

2002 Election

As this is the even numbered year, the Association will hold later, in August and September, via a separate mailing, an election for President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. An appeal for nominations will be published in the May 2002 NCNA HEADS AND TALES with an August 1, 2002 deadline. Please Consider Serving Your Association.

2002 Dues

Enclosed with this Issue is your 2002 Dues Notice. Please Remit Promptly. *Note:* Those having prepaid several years in-advance or Life Members are not required to remit annual dues. Thank You.

2002 Nor-Cal Show

As President MIKE STANLEY states on his President's Message, there will, for assorted factors, be no Nor-Cal V this year. President STANLEY has already begun inquiries for 2003, and a possible relocation is anticipated. Hopefully, something positive may be announced in May 2002 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

Coin Club List

The Fifth (5th) Edition is anticipated for February 2002, in conjunction with the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Semiannual Convention in Concord, California. There is one concern, however. Many local coin clubs have had changes----*mailing addresses, post office boxes, and even meeting locations*----but these have not been reported to Your Editor, who also coordinates this List. Coin Clubs, Please Inform Any Changes ASAP! February 1, 2003 is the deadline.

Note: Accuracy is imperative in this List. Errors can be irritating and disruptive. Let me give an example of Your Editor's concern. The Gateway Coin Club meets in CalFed Bank, which has had a name change in the past few years, and it is located at M and 19th Street, in downtown Merced, California. When I inquired as to the actual meeting *street address*, no one at its July 5, 2001 meeting could tell me; so, I walked out onto M Street and read the Bank's front door, and it is *1840 M Street*. Accuracy! Incidentally, the Liberty Numismatic Society meets in the Millbrae Public Library, which is easy to locate. But, what is the actual street address; again, checking at the Library's checkout desk, it is *'1Library Drive, at Magnolia'*.

Wow!

This is the Seventy-Fourth (74th) consecutive Issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, since the first in April 1981! The May 2002 Issue will be the Golden Anniverary Issue, Seventy-Fifth (75th) Issue, and this might call for a commemorative wooden money issue, worth a nickel!

Fortieth (40th) Anniversary Medal

By the middle of January 2002, those having order the Association's Fortieth (40th) Anniversary Medal, designed by NANCY-JO STANLEY, should have received their orders. The final mintages are: **forty-six (46) antique silvers and thirty-one antique bronze, with no extras.** Thanks to JAN D. HENKE for coordinating the Association's anniversary medal, and to all those who ordered, for your patience!

NCNA HEADS AND TALES Service

As has been mentioned before, local coin clubs are welcomed to include Order Forms, fliers, and such in the three issues of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, at no charge, save Your Editor's option of 'space available'. Need for inclusion ready one hundred sixty (160) copies, and by the deadline submission. Mail to the Association's post office.

Exhibit Ribbons

Local coin shows needing nice exhibit ribbons, for winners and placing on display cases, may request same, for free, from our Association. Four colors and ranks are available. Write to 'MIKE STANLEY, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 94520-2232'. No Charge. As with other services provided by the Association, these are available to local northern California coin clubs.

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and where most of our coin hobbyists live, share, and enjoy our '*hobby of kings and king of hobbies*'.

Take away the American Numismatic Association, cancel it, and within a few months, another national organization shall arise, and begin anew. Take away your local coin clubs, cancel each, the hobby----*this 'hobby of kings and king of hobbies'*----shall die and die forever. How can I say that?

Where does the twelve year-old, in Little League with bicycle wheels, seek his or her first coins? Flying this August 2002 to the Big Apple? Come On. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure this out; yet, why has it taken so long for the great moral forces in our hobby----*the American Numismatic Association, its two national periodicals, and its august regional groups*----to rectify this injustice? Yes, I am asking a question, and if this be sarcasm, then let my evidence be the silent graves of those mentioned earlier and the silent toil of those who this very evening will unlock the church's assembly room, turn on the heat, warm the coffee, and place the chairs in rows. Answer Please?

Silence. The same silence that has been paid tribute and testimony to the countless legion of the toilers at the grass roots level, *the local coin club*. But, now, I have spoken for them----*those departed, those now, and those yet-to-be*----and risking all that I have, *including my exalted titles and honors*, I shall be heard, and justice shall be done! Rest Assured.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Welcome To Another Saga In The Branch Mint Reports! Someone asked about the order the several local coin clubs occur in NCNA HEADS AND TALES, as well as the quarterly CALCOIN NEWS of the compatriot California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). Well. It is decided as Your Editor turns the pages and dividers in the binder that newsletters and bulletins are bound. Yours might begin at the top, halfway through, or at the end, going up or going down, or splitting in the middle! There is never any rhythm nor reason; it is just random. Of course, reading and reporting takes time and effort, and candidly, some coin clubs do *much more and report much more!* Also, Your Editor *attempts* to avoid any preferences, which is difficult. Answered. So, What Has Been Happening? Please Read.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Held its Annual George Flannagan Memorial Auction at its November 28, 2001 meeting, earning the Club \$94.00. Donors were: BILL BARTZ, BOB BELLEAU, JAN HENKE, CHUCK LUCE, STAN TURRINI, EP WALLAKER, GERALD DOHERTY, JOE SIROIS, DR. ROD BAKER, and ERNIE DRAKE. STAN TURRINI called the Auction, and BILL BARTZ recorded the lots and successful bids. The previous October 24, 2001 meeting had Bingo, with JOE SIROIS calling the games; but, you had to be CHAR DOHERTY, as she was the big winner in these games, claiming seven Silver Eagle! The prizes were a full roll of Silver Eagles. Going back to September 23, 2001, MIKE STANLEY reviewed his trip and travel to the August 2001 American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, sharing his experiences and memorabilia, including attending a Braves' gay baseball game high in the bleachers! Fairfield Coin Club joined its neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, last December 15, 2001 for their Joint Christmas Party at Anheuser-Busch's Fairfield, California brewery. A smaller-than-usual crowd enjoyed the evening, filled with so many prizes! Door Prizes and the Mega-Drawing took-over an hour to complete. The Mega-Drawing claimed \$1250.00 in receipts, and Your Editor won the top prize: a nice circulated 1893 Isabella Quarter. The Party is always given for presentations, and DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.'S, 'National Coordinator's Award for Numismatic Excellence' were presented, for him by MICHAEL S. TURRINI, ANA Regional Coordinator, to: DANIEL O. SHATTUC, HERB MILES, ALVIN H.W. LO, HARRY DAVIS, JOHN RUSSELL, XAN CHAMBERLAIN, and ROBERT W. BELLEAU, Sr. The FCC is presently checking and coordinating a date for its September 2002 Fairfield Coin Show: at this time, the date is planned for *Sunday, September 15, 2002*. Information on this pending show can be reached at 'PO Box 944, Fairfield, California, 94533-0944'.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Just received and has distributed its first medal in the short two years series for Theodore Roosevelt, President (1858-1919). This first medal has a final mintage of only forty-six (46)!. It featured a famous Charles Berryman cartoon of 'TR', 'Teddy' to some, with Uncle Sam, and was created by current SSRC President and Medals Coordinator STAN TURRINI. The next issue will be in 2002. The Club ended its 2001 year with a social gathering at Mary's Pizza Shack on December 13, 2001, at which the Club's famous Quarterly Drawing was held, bringing-in \$270.00. The top prize, a Christmas silver round, enameled Rudolph, The Red Nose Reindeer, was won by HARRY DAVIS, who is looking for Greyhound, the bus, enameled silver rounds. Close, but no cigar! Rudolph is not a greyhound; but, did 'guide my sleigh tonight'! The Club will enjoy a visit by DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR., at its January 10, 2002 meeting; DR. OSTROMECKI will be visiting the area for a few days in January 2002. Reviews of his visit will be reported in the May 2002 NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Warning From The SSRC: The club "recently had a Member send \$20.00, in cash, for the December Quarterly Drawing and his 2002 Dues. The Secretary [JAN HENKE] received the tickets minus the \$20.00 cash. The envelope was torn and appeared to be torn by hand and not by a postal canceling machine. The envelope had been sloppily repaired with a short piece of Scotch tape. Please Do Not Mail Cash". Thanks For The Advise, Mr. HENKE.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Has been quite active lately. Just held, with its neighbor, the Fairfield Coin Club, the December 15, 2001 Joint Christmas Party, at Fairfield, California Anhesuer-Busch Brewery. Your Editor did the Master of Ceremonies (emcee) duties, and a fine evening of food, free beer, and festivities was held. DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, current VNS Vice-President, was honored with an American Numismatic Association (ANA) President's Award, and LEE H. GONG, of Santa Rosa, California, received the two groups' Joint Plaque. Recent VNS meetings have been: 'Chinese Buffet Night', September 5, 2001 with the neighboring Redwood Empire Coin Club. MICHAEL WEHNER, of San Francisco, California, and JACK FREE, of Santa Rosa, California, provided a joint PowerPoint presentation on San Francisco Cable Cars medallions and tokens: "Well-done and professionally presented", and 'Token Night', November 7, 2001, with BOB KECK, noted merchant token hobbyist, sharing "his experiences and excitement in collecting, and trying to locate, merchant trade tokens", plus 'Maxine M. Hopperstad White Elephant Auction', December 7, 2001, which brought-in initially, subject to adjustments up, about \$450.00. At this meeting, the Executive Officers for 2002 were reelected: HARRY DAVIS, President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Vice-President, IRENE CARRILLO, Secretary, and STAN TURRINI, Treasurer. The VNS has set its 2002 Show: Sunday, *cinco de Mayo*, May 5, 2002, at the Solano County Fairgrounds, Solano County Building, hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is a full-day event, with Youth Table, lots of free hobby information, a full bourse, All Gold Coin Drawing, collector meetings, and much more. There is a \$4.00 parking charge, and free parking passes are available from the Society. Information on this Show, e-mail either xsteamerx@aol.com or EMPERORI@juno.com.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Appreciates the contributions toward its November 2001 Coin Show and the Club by MICHAEL S. TURRINI, BRUCE GREENLATT, JOHN BROWNE, JIM SOUTHWARD, VINCE LACARIERE, LARRY BENSON, and FRED G. van den HAAK. You had to be XAN CHAMBERLAIN, longtime PCC activist and Past President, to win in the Show's drawing (raffle): XAN claimed five prizes! The Club extended Special Thanks to Your Editor: "Our very sincere thanks to MICHAEL S. TURRINI for managing the Youth and Information Tables during the Show! His tireless efforts at promoting our hobby, distributing free numismatic information and newspapers, coin folders, and a variety of items for the storage and display of the State Quarters, all will hopefully be rewarded with NEW numismatists to carry-on our hobby in the future!". **Thanks--Your Editor**

DELTA COIN CLUB

Wrote that "for the first time in over thirty years, its membership decided not to have a regular meeting on November 23, 2001, the Friday after Thanksgiving.". What A Shock! Its NEWSLETTER Editor, and longtime Corresponding Secretary SYD KASS, participated in the September 29, 2001 Heart-Walk: "wish to take this bit of space to personally thank the members of the Delta Coin Club that offered to sponsor me at he Heart-Walk on September 29th. Yes, I walked the four miles, thinking and thanking you, my sponsors. I felt that your sponsorship was a token of appreciation of my Club efforts". The October 2001 Delta Coin Show has come and gone, with PAUL GIAUDRONE as the top Drawing Ticket seiler at three hundred (300)! By the time this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is mailed and received, this Club will have held its Annual Dinner, Friday, January 11, 2002, at Stockton's Eagles' Hall, with Your Editor as the Master of Ceremonies (emcee) and Special Guest DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR. Reports in the May 2002 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB

For two months, September and October 2001, the Club tried to have its Annual Other Hobbies Night: one failed due to lack of key to the Knights of Columbus Hall, where the Club meets, and the other failed due to attendance. Come-On, SFCCers! Devotion Candles need to be lighted for the five members in attendance at the September 25, 2001 meeting which "was held on the street corner"! Never Say Die! As reported in TWO CENTS WORTH, these dedicated and brave souls "actually enjoyed ourselves with some interesting conversation about current events and numismatics".

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Writes that its 2002 Offices are: DAVID EVANS, President, GORDON DONNELL, Vice-President, ROBERT PIPER, Treasurer, GENE HOY, Secretary, with Directors: JIM ROSEN, ALAN EDMONSON, MARK CLARK, CHRIS THOMPSON, and STUDENTON. There was one electoral change as noted in the January LNS newsletter: "Note: JIM ROSEN's name did not come-up at the meeting [December 4, 2001] 'but, that is irrelevant as he had previously committed to fifty (50) years of unconditional service to the LNS". REGAN SHEA, longtime LNS newsletter Editor, stepped-down last October after eight years as he had taken a new job in Washington state: "REGAN has contributed so much in an effort to make this Club operate that it is difficult to thank him enough. We want to wish him and his family well in his new environment". October 2, 2001 was the Club's famous Annual Book Auction. These were the listed donors: JOE WARGO, FRANK KOVACS, DAVID FOUKE, DONALD BARS, CHRIS' JEWELRY, PETER HAMILTON, STEPHEN HUSTON, HOWARD WHEELER, RON JOHNSON, GENE HOY, KEN BARR, VINCE LACARIERE, and Col. JOHN FOLAWN. Special Thanks Goes To: "Most notable of this esteemed group was KEN BARR, who made a very generous monetary contribution, STEPHEN HUSTON, who contributed a large amount of publications in addition to calling the Auction". Thanks To All!

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Held its year-ending Christmas Party on Saturday, December 1, 2001 at the home of JAMES and LISA LAIRD. These DNSers were honored with DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.'s 'National Coordinator's Award for Numismatic Excellence': JAMES and LISA LAIRD, MARK CLARKSON, and MICHAEL J. FIORE, his second! The following were elected to Executive Officers: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, President, JOHN RUSSELL, Vice-President, MIKE STANLEY, Secretary, and MARK CLARKSON, Treasurer. Joining these on the Society's Board of Directors will be: GERALD DOHERTY, JAMES LAIRD, and MIKE FIORE. Previously, the Society held its Second Annual Paper Money-Fest at its October 18, 2001 meeting with SYD 'Is The Ink Dry?' KASS and MARK 'Anything Paper' CLARKSON. SYD spoke on 'Printing and Errors: The Worst and The Best', and MARK spoke on 'Introducing Fractional Currency'. The November 15, 2001 meeting was 'Coin Grading Clinic II', coordinated by JOHN RUSSELL. For this one, a grading guide and a good glass were mandatory.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Reports that its 2002 Executive Officers are: MICHAEL WEHNER, President, SARAH NORDIN, Vice-President, STEPHEN HUSTON, Treasurer, and HERB MILES, Secretary. As usual, the PCNS has held an impressive series of speakers: September 26, 2001, JOE WARGO, 'Thalers', October 24, 2001, JACK FREE and MICHAEL WEHNER, 'Cable Car Tokens and Medals', and November 28, 2001, JERRY SCHIMMEL, 'Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) National Encampment Badges'. The latter talk, JERRY notes that the GAR gathered in 1886 and 1903 in San Francisco, far remote from Civil War battlefields, for two its annual National Encampments. [Note: GAR Badges and memorabilia are highly sought and studied. One of the finest, and possibly best, holdings ----note the word used----is in the California Veteran's Home, Youthville, California. The Home, originally opened for Civil War Union veterans, has over the decades received, from veterans living and passing away at the Home, many of these Badges. Your Editor in 1996 had a brief chance to view some these.]

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB

Writes that its 2002 Officers are: MARION IMEL, President, LOREN BAILEY, Vice-President, VIETTA ASHER, Recording Secretary, LARRY BRYANT, Corresponding Secretary, and CHUCK WEBER, Treasurer, who will be assisted by BILL McCAASLIN. MARION IMEL also was congratulated for being the Club's newest Life Member! The SVCC NEWSLETTER remains DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, and his e-mail is drrodbaker@juno.com. Club continues to meet at 'the San Juan Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, in Citrus Heights, California'. Note: The Club may return in May 2002 to the old meeting site, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Building, on Don Julio Road, Carmichael, California.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

GCC elects its Officers for a two year term in a two-year cycle. CRAIG BLAKE became GCC's new President for 2002-2003: "CRAIG has already served previously in this position, among various Club volunteer activities including past Show Chairperson". GRACE ANDERSON, daughter for JOEL and LILA ANDERSON, is the Club's Vice-President, but only for a one year term. BEVERLY HILLS replaced her husband, RICHARD, "once more as the Club Secretary, and the two switched places once again". As noted, "Thanks to both of you very, very much for your long and dedicated service at the head table". BELINDA WILSON will continue as the Club's Treasurer. The Club ended 2001 with its Annual Holiday Banquet, Wednesday, December 12th, at Merced's Paul's Place: "the banquet room was filled, fellowship was alive, and a good time appeared to be had by all the members who came out on a nice, crisp Winter evening for this annual gathering". Speaking of the ANDERSON's, LILA assisted last December 1, 2001 with the Merced's community annual decoration of its community Christmas Tree, at Merced's Courthouse Museum.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Has enjoyed two fine programs lately. October 16, 2001, MIKE STANLEY drove-down from Concord, California, to talk on 'Franklin: The Man and Half Dollar': "Quite an interesting talk. Thanks Again, MIKE, and we hope your back is doing better". [Note: What does Mr. Stanley's back have to do with his talk on Benjamin Franklin is unknown; there must be some corollary here!] November 20, 2001 held a grading seminar about the Peace Dollar (1921-1935) done by longtime LVCC Member HOWARD KOSANKE: "we hope that you all remember his fine points when searching and purchasing Peace Dollars". STEVEN KRAMER is the current LVCC President, an office that he has held for over eight years! The LVCC may be contacted at 'PO Box 610, Livermore, California, 94551-0610' or e-mailed at stampman46@aol.com.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB

Held its Oktoberfest at its October 10, 2001 meeting. The Second Annual Roy and Helen Benefit Auction was held, and from the donations of the Club Members \$703.75 was raised. This amount was donated to the American Red Cross. As reported, "there was a tremendous variety of items for auction...what was most amazing was the spirit of the bidders. Many items went for three or four times the estimated bid!...the most touching item in this Auction was donated by JACK FREE. It was an American Flag, which had once flown in Arlington National Cemetery at the grave of President John F. Kennedy. LEE GONG ended-up with the high bid after some fierce bidding". Continuing the eating, the November 14, 2001 meeting had a Thanksgiving Dinner, courtesy of G&G Market. Ending 2001, the December 12th meeting was the Club's Annual Dessert Night. Wow, Three Meetings In A Row! Food! Food! Food! Food! Maybe this Club should be named the RECC: *Redwood Empire Calorie Club!* But, in all fairness, CHARLIE CATLETT, the Club's Secretary and Editor, remarked it best: "To me, it affirms my opinion that this a great Club, because it has great members!". How True!

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

Sadly reported that GENE DYER died last November 17, 2001, after a long battle with heart disease. GENE has been President back in 1973, and had been President of the now defunct Los Gatos Coin Club. On a brighter note, SJCC member and noted coin dealer, SAL FALCONE made a patriotic donation at the November 14, 2001 meeting: "He had tokens distributed to all attending members. The bright bronze tokens had the Statue of Liberty, with 'Liberty' on the obverse, and a 'Noble Eagle' with 'United We Stand', on the reverse". At this same meeting, KEN BARR, well-known SJCCer, spoke on his avocation, 'Hickey Brothers Tokens': "Nothing but rave reviews from all who heard it". The prior October 10, 2001 meeting was the SJCC's Annual Giant Auction. This Auction was organized by VIC LAZZARO, with KEN BARR, as the Auctioneer and RYAN JOHNSON, the runner. Much earlier September 12, 2001 meeting heard GORDON DONNELL speak on Panama-Pacific International Exposition (PPIE). Beloved GORDON, was reported in the SJCC NEWSLETTER as "a constant source of information and is always bringing something to share, by way of Show & Tells or announcements.". Very True!

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Elected its 2002 Officers: DENNIS SOLIDAY, President, PHIL PLETTNER, Vice-President, JIM DEFFENDAHL, Treasurer, and JILL SHEPHARD, Secretary. These Officers were installed at the December 10, 2001 potluck Holiday Banquet. RANDY CLIFTON will be ending this four years as President, during which he also doubled as the FRESNO NUMISMATIST's Editor. His comments and editorials were always enjoyed, and often, in part, reprinted here in NCNA HEADS AND TALES. It would be fitting to do this 'one-more-time' here with his closing commentary in the December 2001 FRESNO NUMISMATIST: "it is quite clear that a club, all clubs, need leadership in order to continue. It needs elected officers to provide the leadership, or there will be no club, simple fact. When it comes to serving as a club officer, there is probably a small percent of members that for some reason or another just cannot serve. Then there is a probably a small percent of members that just plain do not want to, and shame on these. But, then there are plenty of members that are able to, that have the time and ability, and no excuse other than wishing someone else will or would. *They* are the ones that should pickup the torch and lead the way. These are the ones that I reach out to, compel them to respond when the call comes around again." How True! Have You Answered Your Club's Call?

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB

Awarded two Honorary Life Memberships in the Club to RUDY CHRISTIANS and JESSE WOODS. These two were honored by current CCC President BRUCE BRAGA last November 16, 2001. They join, as the tenth and eleventh Life Members, KATHERINE RAY, PHIL SOLOMAN, WALLY WALLAKER, FRANK NEILSEN, RAY ERKSON, RUDY GJUROVICH, BILL LEGG, LES CAROFF, and EDISON HAND. Last October 21, 2001, the CCC enjoyed its Annual Banquet at Cupertino's Blue Pheasant Restaurant: "AL LO called his NAMEO (Bingo) Game with STACEY NIBLETT and BILL PEAVEY winning the first game and silver dollars as prizes. Lucky new Life Member JOSEPH KEARNS won the coverall and the Two Peso Gold Coin Prize. Next came 'The Price Is Right' Game with the contestants trying to guess the price of items in the grocery bags. Guess What? The Guys Won: DAN SHATTUC, JOSEPH KEARNS, and BILL SHATTUC. In the 'Coins-In-The-Bottle Contest, KEN BARR and GARY ACQUISTAPACE were the best guessers". Earlier in October, at the October 12th meeting, Youth Vice-President ALEXANDER CHIEN presided "with great aplomb and confidence". The CCC will hold its *'Thirtieth (30th) Annual Cupertino Coin Club on Sunday, February 10, 2002, at the Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, in San Jose, California.'* Inquiries may be e-mailed to ALLOSJ@cs.com.

VISALIA COIN CLUB

Ended 2001 with a Christmas Party at its December 18, 2001 meeting. CAMERON KEIFER and BILL FEBUARY will begin 2002 for the VCC with educational programs to add to the auction and other activities at the Club's monthly meetings. RUTH PHILLIPS, who is the VCC newsletter editor, is trying to update the Club's medals inventory, and this Club is among the most difficult to assemble a full set.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB

Your Editor recently had some nice exchanges with DOUG DANIELS and am most impressed with his enthusiasm and devotion to the Club. He Is a Human Dynamo! The SCCC has several key members who contribute much to the continued success of the Club. DOUG DANIELS, in his President's Thoughts, has noted several: HAL DeBOARD, LES SCHOOLCRAFT, and RASHA ROBINSON. The latter DOUG reported as "How you ever wondered how the labels with the member's name get on the chips that we use for the drawings? Well, I found out at the last meeting when I saw our most esteemed Corresponding Secretary and Web Master RASHA ROBINSON take out some small machine and without fanfare make the new labels and put these on the chips without even a second thought or thanks, again here is another example of one our great members going above and beyond for the good of our Club". Speaking of service and devotion, DOUG DANIELS, as of November 2001, has not ever missed a Club meeting in over eight years! As mentioned, the SCCC has a Web Site, and it is www.stancocoinclub.com.